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Disorder: suspects hand themselves in to police

by Hilary Bryan

THREE people wanted by the police after last month's rioting in Woolwich have given themselves up after their pictures were shown on a mobile screen in the town centre. Police set up the huge TV screen in Powis Street where it displayed pictures of those wanted in relation to looting and vandalism in last month's riots across the borough. Police asked members of the public to contact them with any information related to suspects in the pictures. Three people handed themselves in after seeing their picture on the large screen whilst a further eight have been arrested for a range of offences including violent disorder, burglary and handling stolen goods. One person was detained by a PCSO and then arrested after he stopped to look at his own picture on the screen and was identified on the spot. A total of 30 investigative leads have been provided by the public who have contacted police directly. The screen, showing CCTV images of the disorder, is returning to Woolwich over several days this month. Detectives have been working around the clock analysing hours of clear CCTV footage showing detail of those involved in violent incidents. Borough Commander Richard Wood said: "We would like to thank all the people that have contacted us so far. We

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In my opinion

You're never too old to learn



At 42 I am a lifelong Greenwich resident. I still marvel at some of the wonderful buildings including the University of Greenwich which is my place of study. In the 70s I attended Christ Church primary school which is now a community centre close to the Greenwich Forum. Having brought up my children single-handedly since giving birth to my youngest child, I felt the time had come to give something back to society. I took myself to Greenwich Community College, where I gained an Access in Psychology Certificate, which gave me the confidence to move on further. Though it wasn't easy with a toddler I completed AS and A2 in Media - and by 2009 I had gained 5 GCSEs in Audio Visual Production. In September, 2009, I enrolled at the University of Greenwich to study Media and Communications, BA Hons. Year one comprised Digital Arts Exchange, Issues in Representation, Writing for Media and Writing for Stage and Screen. Year two was a variation on the themes and I

went on to make a film which was recently screened at the British Film Institute. I am embarking on my third year in a couple of weeks and will graduate next year. Unfortunately for some graduates it has not been easy to find a job and it has come to my attention that many folk seem to think that anything media-related is not worth the paper it's written on. I have worked very hard to get to where I am and have been very lucky to find work experience with individuals who are well known within the media industry. I certainly don't think people can rely on their degree alone to find work. It takes dedication, personality and communication skills to find a job in any field. I am confident and positive about my future and would encourage mature people to open a book and get back into studying. Ten years ago I would have laughed at the prospect of going to university. It has not been an easy road and there have been tears, but it has all been worth it.

Deborah Rock

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In the market for all things green and natural

THE stallholders and shops of Greenwich Market are celebrating all things green as part of the Soil Association's Organic September. Green fingered shop owners and stallholders will be joined by visiting eco experts for two days on September 23 and 24 and there'll be a range of events from 10am to 5.30pm each day. It's a must visit for people looking to cut their carbon footprint, learn about local sustainable

opportunities or simply enjoy the eco shopping experience. Green highlights include:
● Feed the birds – the information team from the RSPB will talk about their conservation work, and will invite visitors to make bird feeders out of apples or recycled plastic bottles.
● The Riverford vegbox scheme - where you can sign up for deliveries of organic veg and receive a free copy of the Riverford Farm cookbook with your second delivery.

● Tapwater.org, which promotes drinking tap water rather than bottled water, will have a tap water refilling station and will be offering free iced tap water, garnished with lemon, lime and mint, to visitors who come along with a reusable bottle.
● Thames21 will talk to visitors about their work on South-East London's waterways.
● Dr Bike surgery where cyclists can get a free MOT bike assessment, as well as

minor repairs on the spot.
● Beekeeper Camilla Goddard will talk about bees and beekeeping at the Greenwich Mausoleum hives on September 24 at 3pm. Book on mail@shopgreenwich.co.uk or call 020 7396 0146.
● Greenwich Council will be on hand to advise on recycling in the borough.
● Greenwich shops and stall holders will be endorsing the organic lifestyle by selling green goods and products.

Crackdown on roadworks

Permits help to reduce disruption

by Hilary Bryan

GREENWICH is set to see less disruption on the streets after the council signed up to a scheme to help control roadworks.

The council was one of seven in London to sign up to the new Permit Scheme for Road Works and Street Works last week.

They joined 17 other London boroughs and Transport for London (TfL), which is already operating the London Permit Scheme (LoPS).

The initiative gives local councils more control over when roadworks are undertaken reducing the disruption caused on the roads.

It means that any company digging up a road or pavement in the borough will need to have applied for permission from the council, and to then display the permit on-site.

The idea behind the London Permits Scheme is that utility companies can better co-ordinate their works, so for example, if both gas and water works need to be carried out at the same place, the council will know in advance and be able to programme them to take place at the same time.

In emergency situations like a gas leak or power cut, the companies can still go ahead immediately with any necessary works but have to inform the council as soon as possible that they are carrying out the works.

Councils that sign up can also



ROAD SAGE: Cllr Hyland presents the council's first roadworks permit to members of UK Power

issue Fixed Penalty Notices for non compliance without the need to go to court, making it quicker and easier to deal with organisations that dig up the roads without permits.

Cllr Denise Hyland, the Greenwich Council's cabinet member for regeneration, enterprise and skills, said the council would also be working more closely with the utility companies to improve working practices.

Cllr Hyland presented the very first permit issued by

Greenwich Council to UK Power last week.

She told GT: "It's brilliant that Greenwich is taking part in the second tranche of this scheme, joining up at a point when it's been thoroughly trialled and shown to work well elsewhere in London. This makes absolute sense and now means we can better co-ordinate when our roads and highways are dug up leading to fewer disruptions for our residents. "Before these permits came

in we had little power over when utility companies could carry out works and they weren't required to give much notice. It's already shown a reduction in the number of works and delays across the capital as things can be better planned through this scheme".

● See a map of current roadworks in Greenwich at www.greenwich.gov.uk/roadworks

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A big splash for Olympic hopefuls

GREENWICH Starting Blocks, the charity set up to help young up-and-coming local athletes to train so they have a chance of competing in the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, has been given a cash windfall of £2,400. It came from the borough's former Mayor, Cllr Barbara Barwick, who organised and took part in a charity fundraising swimming tournament at the Eltham Centre last November, called the Mayor's Big

Splash. The event raised £2,400, and last Thursday Cllr Barwick handed over a cheque to Olympic weightlifting hopeful Zoe Smith and Greenwich Council leader Chris Roberts, at the town hall. Zoe, from Abbey Wood, is one of the many athletes who have been supported by Starting Blocks, and Cllr Roberts is the Chairman of the charity's Board of Trustees. He told GT: "Starting Blocks is delighted to receive this excellent donation, and I would



like to thank Cllr Barwick and the many people who supported her in raising this money."

FUND BOOST: Former Mayor Cllr Barbara Barwick hands over the cheque to Zoe Smith and Cllr Chris Roberts at the Town Hall last Thursday

Borough BRIEFS

Run to the beat road closures

SEVENTEEN thousand people take to Greenwich streets for London's musical half marathon on Sunday, September 25. Now in its fourth year, Run to the Beat starts and finishes at The O2 and as runners follow the 13.1-mile route, they'll be entertained and motivated by musical acts. The fundraising event, organised by Nike, starts at 9.45am and there'll be some road closures but there will be full emergency access and the majority of the route will reopen between 1 and 2.30pm. Information leaflets will be dropped locally and people can pick them up at council offices. Residents with questions can also contact the Run to the Beat office on 020 8233 5900 or email info@runtothebeat.co.uk with RESIDENT QUERY in the subject line.

Time to log October events

PLANNING an event for October? The September 27 issue of Greenwich Time will feature a 'What's On' guide for October. It will also include Black History Month event listings. So if you're planning a Black History Month event - or any other October event - please submit details by Friday, September 16. You can do this online at www.greenwich.gov.uk/whatson

Borough mourns former mayor Ted

THE borough has lost one of its most respected citizens after the death of former mayor Ted Claridge.

Mr Claridge was 86 when he died, and was universally known as 'Mr Thamesmead' for his tireless work in the community. He raised thousands of pounds for young people's charities, played a key role in improving leisure facilities including Thamesmead Leisure Centre, and was a staunch supporter of local organisations for more than three decades.

He was awarded the Honorary Freedom of the Borough in 1996 "in recognition of eminent services rendered by him to the borough, to local government generally, and as an expression of the high esteem in which he is held by members of the council and his fellow citizens."

He had been involved with Trust Thamesmead since the 1980s where he was chair and vice-chair, before the trust made him its Life Long President.

Mr Claridge moved from the East End of London to Thamesmead in 1977, and was elected to Greenwich Council in 1982, serving as member for Thamesmead Moorings until 1994. He served on several council committees, and also represented the borough on several outside bodies.



MR THAMESMEAD: former Greenwich mayor Ted Claridge

He was appointed Mayor of Greenwich in 1991-92, and during that year he visited every school in the borough. He also served as Mayor of the boroughs of Shoreditch and Hackney. When he took on his role at Trust Thamesmead, Mr Claridge paid tribute to his wife Pat saying: "Pat has stood by my side since coming to Thamesmead and she, too, has made a significant contribution to my work."

Cllr Chris Roberts, the

Leader of Greenwich Council, said: "Ted Claridge was one of those rare people whose contribution to the community was considerable, and will be remembered for many years to come."

• Mr Claridge's funeral will be held at 11am on Wednesday September 21 at Eltham Crematorium. Family Flowers Only. Donations instead to the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice.

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GT story made my summer

I write to mention that a May article in GT has made a huge difference to my summer! This article introduced Greenwich residents to free digital skills courses at Ravensbourne College. Three months have

quickly passed since I enrolled and attended these courses. I can say that each one of the courses was valuable and will make a contribution to my future career and leisure pursuits. Simply visiting state-of-the-art Ravensbourne near

The O2 arena was a treat in itself. It is ironic that printed media such as GT still has a valuable role in informing residents. I, for one, now avidly scan GT for items of topical interest.

Patrick Pires,
Thamesmead



We must support young unemployed

I WOULD like to say to the Woolwich community that the majority of the black community living and working in the borough of Greenwich were stunned and shocked at the recent riot which took place in our community as well as over London. As a black woman living in Plumstead, I was ashamed at what the yobs did to our community which is striving to make Woolwich a better place to live and work. We have so much going on in Woolwich and it took a handful of yobs to divide the community.

The youngsters I spoke to blame the lack of jobs/opportunities and of course, needless to say, the lack of money which spurred them to highlight their plight to the government.

I suggested that if a handful

of youngsters went to No. 10 Downing Street and made a peaceful protest to the Prime Minister, then the whole nation would have backed them up, rather than being against them because of what they did. Whilst I condemn what the yobs have done, we need to look into ways of helping those youngsters. The fact that I now have to work until I am 65 years old, means that a young person needs to wait 10 years, to be employed in my job. How is that going to help the youngsters to be independent, employed and probably buy their own homes? Perhaps someone can come up with solutions to the problems that we are facing with the young unemployed?

Pam Thompson,
Plumstead

We would like more direct bus routes

I SYMPATHISE with Julian Russell and Richard Stokes, Kidbrooke, (GT Letters August 2) on their request to extend the 291 to Kidbrooke Station. I have been having the same trouble with Transport for London Buses because from my home, which is situated in the square of the A2 motorway, Shooters Hill Road, Well Hall Road and Broad Walk in Blackheath, the only places we can get a direct bus to is Lewisham, Bexleyheath, Blackheath Village, Woolwich and West Greenwich. We cannot get to North Greenwich Tube/Dome, Charlton Village, Eltham High Street, North Charlton

or East Greenwich without travelling on 2 buses, costing a round fare of over £8 to travel, in some cases, less than a mile as the crow flies! Despite pointing out this gap in their service, TFL are not interested in trying to resolve our problem. I suggested a small bus from Eltham, via our area through to Charlton Village, down to North Charlton and then on to the Dome area.

Gwen Zammit, Blackheath

● Transport for London responds: "The area between Shooters Hill Road and Broad Walk is served directly by route 386 which goes to Greenwich, Woolwich and

Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Routes 89 and 178 are also nearby. In 2009 we extended route 132 from Eltham to North Greenwich via Rochester Way. We realise this is not convenient for Mrs Zammit because of the need to cross the A2, but it has been well-used. Given the good general coverage that already exists we are sorry that we cannot provide the additional link suggested but will certainly bear it in mind in future reviews of the network. Good value fares are available by making use of Oyster Pay As You Go rather than paying in cash on the bus. Additionally, many passengers are eligible for a Freedom Pass."

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have been provided with investigative leads and many have called us with names and addresses of those involved in the disorder. Some have even given us footage from their mobiles which might be the nail in the coffin for some of the people who claim not to have been causing troubles in Woolwich.

"It just shows how the community has really pulled together to help us identifying the thugs involved - we are extremely grateful and appreciate all the public support we have received."

He explained that police in Greenwich are still receiving thank you cards from members of the public.

Some have personally delivered them to the front offices at various stations across the borough.

The Borough Commander added: "We are touched by the support we are receiving from everyone in Greenwich. We have set up a thank you card board and are sharing each message with the 1,000 officers and staff across the borough. These messages mean a lot to us - thank you to all the people that have been kind enough to jot down supportive words. It means everything to my officers who are standing proud on the front line".

In the meantime, police have issued another set of pictures of people they want to speak to in relation to the disorder in Woolwich and Charlton. To see the latest pictures visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/news

• Anyone with information on any of the suspects pictured can call the confidential Crimestoppers number on 0800 555 111.

Suspects hand themselves in



SET TO RETURN: the mobile screen displays images of riot suspects in Powis Street

Help find hoodie who attacked police car driver

POLICE are appealing for information on a rioter who hurled bricks and a concrete slab at police officers in their vehicles.

The suspect was filmed by CCTV at around 8pm on Monday, August 8, along with other hooded youths who attacked marked and unmarked police vehicles in Beresford Square.

He was wearing a dark Adidas hoodie with a blue or green logo and was seen throwing bricks at one police car and punching the windscreen of another vehicle after hurling a concrete slab at it leaving the driver with cuts to his face.

Borough Commander Richard Wood said: "The man in the footage could have seriously hurt or even killed one of the officers in the vehicle. The public have provided police with several investigative leads in the past couple of weeks and we are very grateful for all the help and support we have received. However, we need more help and information to identify this violent individual."

Pictures of the suspect and other people caught on CCTV are available at www.greenwich.gov.uk/news

Anyone with information can call the confidential Crimestoppers number on 0800 555111.



CAUGHT ON CAMERAS: CCTV images of the suspect who threw a concrete slab through the window of an unmarked police car

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Mayor to open new playground in Horn Park

A BRAND new playground for youngsters has opened in Lee after a major fundraising effort by local supporters. Horn Park Friends, set up in partnership with Greenwich Council, have turned 91.75 square metres of parkland into a playground for older children in the park. A launch event Fun Day is planned for Saturday, September 24, from 1.30pm-4pm to promote the opening

of the new playground by Mayor of Greenwich Jim Gillman. The Friends received £40,000 from the Community Spaces programme, managed by Groundwork UK as part of the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces initiative, along with £20,000 from Greenwich Council and £5,000 from the Capital Community Foundation's Grassroots Grants

programme. The money from the partnership between the group and the council has been used to install a playground for children aged 6 to 12, consisting of a Megavortex swing with basket along with a bucket swing - which can accommodate both physically able and handicapped youngsters - a Pyramid Net, two Nexus Whizzers and a Cable Rider (zip wire).

Beryl Williams, of Horn Park Friends said: "Ben Murphy, the facilitator for both applications, proved immensely helpful, as did Eltham MP Clive Efford and Cllr John Fahy. Completion of the project has met the three wishes of the local community identified in a survey conducted in July, 2007, when questionnaires were distributed to 1,000 residents."

Borough BRIEFS

Lots of yachts

IT'S all aboard for an open weekend at Greenwich Yacht Club on September 17 and 18. The club on Pear Tree Way will be open to the public from midday until 7pm, and there's the chance to step aboard the yachts, have a go at manning the dinghies and then for a drink and a bite to eat in the gallery bar.

There's always room for one Moore

Sculpture makes a return to park

by Rod Kitson

A GLOBE-TROTTING sculpture is back in its Greenwich home after a four-year international tour.

Henry's Moore's 'Large Standing Figure: Knife Edge' had stood in Greenwich Park from 1979 until 2007.

And last week the three-metre bronze statue was returned to the spot the artist had chosen for it.

Richard Jones from the Friends of Greenwich Park said: "We're delighted to have it back. Henry Moore chose this spot for the sculpture 30 years ago, and it has been sorely missed by local people - we hope it doesn't go again."

Anita Feldman from the Henry Moore Foundation added: "He picked this site for its panoramic views - the trees are taller now but it is still a great spot."

The sculpture was created by Moore in 1976, cast from bronze and inspired by the bones of a small bird.

He transformed the sharp-edged study into a human form by adding a head and limbs.

"When you see the sculpture from the side on you can really see the knife edge of Moore's title," Anita said. "I think he was a unique artist in that he didn't believe you had to destroy the past to create something modern."

Knife Edge stands at the top of the park's east side, on a plinth which raises the creation's height to almost five metres.

It was a popular feature, and its return was welcomed by visitors and locals.

Chris Mann, who lives on the west side of the park said: "I'm absolutely thrilled to see it back. It was always part of the park - and my life - and I was

distressed when it went away. I think it's fantastic, and this is a great site for it."

The statue is on loan from the Henry Moore Foundation for a two-year period which can be extended.

Colin Buttery, director of the Royal Parks, and LOCOG's Jonathan Edwards were also at the unveiling on September 7.

Colin said: "The eyes of the world will be on Greenwich Park during the summer of 2012 and we're delighted that so many people will have the opportunity to see Knife Edge in this beautiful setting."



MOORE TO THE POINT: sharp edges of bone study gave artist inspiration

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Roll up for entertainment in Woolwich square

THERE'S fun and information for all ages in the great outdoors as part of a square deal in Woolwich town centre this autumn.

A range of events are being run in the new-look General Gordon Square over the next few months. The square has undergone a complete transformation over the past few months - along with Beresford Square in Woolwich, both as part of a major investment programme to improve public spaces in Woolwich. Events started this week with the Healthy Lifestyle Roadshow & Measure Up Campaign run by Diabetes UK. There's a chance to get free diabetes risk assessments and advice on reducing your risk of getting Type 2 Diabetes during the two-day roadshow today and tomorrow (September 13

and 14). There's also a hub of activity including: an eat well tent, a bike handing out free healthy snacks, games based around healthy living and information.

● Details at www.diabetes.org.uk/How_we_help/Roadshow/
The Cadbury Spots v Stripes Games Crew will be at The Big Screen in General Gordon Square, this weekend on Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17 and again on September 23 and 24. The crew will be organising fun games and locals can come along and join in hilarious and bonkers 60-second challenges using everyday household objects. Game play starts at 11am and runs through to 6pm each day. The games have been inspired by a new eight-part series, presented by Cadbury Spots v Stripes. The brand



IN IT TO WIN IT: competitors take part in a zany challenge for a game in the Cadbury Spots v Stripes challenge

new show, Cadbury Spots v Stripes Minute To Win It is on air on Tuesday nights at 8pm on ITV2 and will see groups of friends compete head-to-head led by popular TV hosts Joe

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● If you are unable to come along to one of the events, you can still get involved by downloading one of the play-at-home games packs via www.spotsvstripes.com

Other dates to note include:

● October 1 when the square is set to host a Nepalese Festival of Food and Culture. Food, craft stalls, dance, comedy (with translation) and traditional costumes for everyone to try on is planned from 1 to 7pm.

● October 8: Greenwich Council will host 'Woolwich Back to Business' a celebration to welcome the Princess of Wales Regiment and the rededication of trees in General Gordon Square.

● For further information visit www.greenwich.gov.uk

Such a smoo

SECONDARY schools in the borough are on the up, and local parents are increasingly seeing the benefits of choosing Greenwich secondary schools for their children. Last week a new group of students moved up from primary school to start the first term at secondary. **DICK TOWNSEND-SMITH** and **PETER CORDWELL** report...

HUNDREDS of children in the borough have been going through the excitement, butterflies in the stomach, and even the odd tear or two in recent days, as they begin their first day at secondary school.

The borough's primary schools achieved excellent standards in the latest Key Stage 2 SATS result, putting Greenwich in the top 25 per cent in the country and in the top 10 of London boroughs.

Primary schools in Greenwich have recognised the importance of preparing children for the transition to secondary schools.

Cllr Jackie Smith, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for children and young people, told GT: "Our secondary schools are determined to ensure that the children who move up from primary schools will go through a happy transition and continue to receive a first-class education – one that is supportive and effective in an environment where they will enjoy learning and achieving."

Pass rates continue to rise year on year, and are particularly strong in English and Maths. In English, 68 per cent of students gained an A* - C grade compared with 65 per cent for the rest of the country. And in Maths, the figure for Greenwich was 62 per cent compared with 59 per cent for the rest of the country.

At Thomas Tallis School, Millie Moss, 11, said: "My tutor helped me to settle in by looking after me and explaining what I needed to do rather than just giving me lots of information that I didn't understand. I really like having different teachers for different subjects." Jake Ellis-Price, 11, said: "The school is very welcoming and people are free

to be who they are. I like being given responsibility which you don't get in primary school. The teachers care about how well you have settled in and understand that you need time to find your way around the building at the beginning." And Nikita Pandey, 11, said: "Thomas Tallis will encourage me to push myself to work harder and achieve higher. I have made new friends already and this has really helped me to settle in."

At Woolwich Polytechnic School in Hutchins Road, Thamesmead, Sam Jacobs, 11, said: "Woolwich Poly is a good school and I know lots of people who are coming here. I'm really excited."

And Lakhdep Jhutti, 11, said: "I saw the Ofsted report and I think this is an outstanding school and a safe environment. The teachers were very helpful when I came here for the day." Lakhdep's mum Navinder added: "Woolwich Poly is an outstanding school where the boys get good grades, a good education and has good teachers."

Woolwich Poly staff visit primary schools to tell the boys what they can expect when they go secondary school and hold question and answer sessions. If the primary school feels that boys are still nervous, staff will make special visits. An open morning held during the summer term gave boys the chance to meet their form tutors and go to sample lessons.

Byron Parker and Tim Plumb, who share the role of headteacher, said: "We are extremely proud of our excellent association with the local primary schools which has made the transition process as smooth and successful as possible."

"The welfare, happiness and safety of our boys are always our main concern."

HILL START:
Etham Hill
pupils make a
new beginning

OPEN DAYS
All of the borough's secondary schools are holding Open Days over the coming weeks to help parents choose a school for their child next year. To check the dates and for full details of how to apply for a secondary school place - visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/admissionssch.uk

Both transition



A BRAND NEW START: Eltham Hill pupils eat their first lunch at their new school. Below, John Roan students have their satchels packed for their first day at the school, and right, a Thomas Tallis student takes a music class



AT The John Roan School in Westcombe Park Road, new pupils gave GT their verdict on their first day. Liam Power, 11, said: "It's been very good so far. I like playing football and rugby, and there's a wide range of sports facilities here. The teachers are great and they help you with things. My main focus is to work hard and get good GCSEs." Naima Corbin, 11, added: "What I liked best is having a look round and seeing

all the different facilities. I already know a few people, because they were at my old school. I think I'm going like arts best." Parent Liz Gardener, whose son Isaac was beginning his first day, said: "John Roan is our local community school, and the staff worked really hard to make the transition as smooth as it could be. Isaac had a really good induction day at John Roan in July." John Roan headteacher Des Malone

said: "We are absolutely committed to providing a smooth change over from primary to secondary school as possible. The induction day held in July was a great success – the students took part in English, Maths and Science lessons and spent the day exploring their new environment. These measures and many more have resulted in a happy and successful start to the new year at The John Roan School."

HALF way through her first day at Eltham Hill Technology College for girls, 11-year-old Elysia Clay told GT: "It's been absolutely amazing, going into our forms and being introduced. I feel I'm getting older, ready for college and university." And she already knows what she wants to: "I want to study music at an academy. I play the flute and the cello." Ely, who went to Gordon Primary School in Eltham, was one of 140 Year 7 girls who had the school to themselves on the first day – Wednesday, September 7 – apart from their Year 11 mentors. Ely added: "I came with one friend from Gordon and a friend of hers, but I had already made new friends at Eltham Hill's Gifted and Talented summer school for a week, which was about the Olympics."

Kyra-Jade Lampzey, from Thamesmead, chose Eltham Hill. "On my induction day we had a PE lesson and learned a little bit of dance," she said. "It was really fun and made me feel good about coming here. I want to be a fashion designer when I'm older – or a singer." Elysia's mother, Mrs Suzanne Clay, is an Eltham Hill fan after her elder daughter "loved every day here" and went on to a degree course at Ravensbourne College in Greenwich.

She said: "The school's outstanding results give me a huge amount of confidence that Ely will come out of this with a really good, all-round education. "I have a real pride in Greenwich schools and I'm disappointed that some parents still look outside the borough. There are fantastic schools in Greenwich, including this one, and I don't think we talk about them enough." Principal Madeleine Griffin said the school places a lot of emphasis on a smooth transition because it's "such a huge leap for the girls involved". She added: "We visit every child coming here and talk to them and their teachers about their excitement and any anxieties about the move."

"Then they have a taster day where they meet everybody and we have team-building exercises. Any girls coming on their own or feeling extra nervous are invited in for a second day. "I've been talking to them this morning and they all seem really happy and excited about being here, which is great. "We develop a profile of each child so that we can offer real support right from the beginning." This year Eltham Hill achieved 78 per cent A* to C GCSE grades.



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If you are living in a Council property that is too big for you, we can help you to move to somewhere smaller. The Council will pay your removal costs, and £350 for each bedroom gained. To join the scheme you must be willing to move to a home with two bedrooms less than you have now:

For more information
contact the Project Team on

020 8921 2671

Seaside and Country Scheme

This scheme offers one and two bedroom flats and bungalows on the Coast and in the countryside, in the South East and West of England.

In order to be considered you must be:

- A Council or Housing Association tenant
- At least 60 years old (if someone is moving with you they must be over 55 years old).

Your removal costs will be met if you are a Council tenant and you do move to a Seaside and Country home. To register, or find out more about the scheme, contact the Access and Allocation section on Tel: 020 8921 2941

Textphone 8921 2996/2657.

If you are a Housing Association tenant you need to contact your landlord to register. Further information is available from the scheme management organisation at www.housingmoves.org

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Only priority applicants can apply



Ref Number: I37690
Eglinton Road SE18
2 Bed 2nd Floor Mais
Unlifted Entry phone
Rad C/H
£87.09 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I37692
Gregory Crescent SE9
3 Bed House
Gdn Rad C/H
£106.87 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I37812
Casterbridge Road SE3
2 Bed 4th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Stge Htg
£94.73 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I39596
Charlton Triangle Homes
Fairlawn Court
Fairlawn SE7
2 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H No Pkg
£110.68 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: I32945
Prentiss Court SE7
3 Bed Parl House
Gdn Rad C/H
£115.47 pw Bands A&B

Anyone on the housing list can apply for these

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties



Ref Number: 64970
Webb Court
Attlee Road SE28
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H
£84.29 pw Band C



Ref Number: I36487
Eynsham Drive SE2
1 Bed 3rd Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phone
Rad C/H
£74.91 pw Band C



Ref Number: I36566
Middle Prk Avenue SE9
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
Pref to employ under £20k.
£83.70 pw Band C



Ref Number: I36606
Middle Prk Avenue SE9
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat
Lifted Rad C/H
Pref to employ under £20k.
£83.70 pw Band C



Ref Number: I38192
Middle Park Avenue SE9
Bedsit Grnd Floor Flat
Rad C/H No Pkg
£76.89 pw Band C



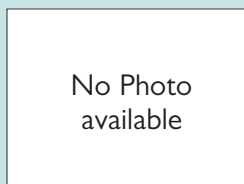
Ref Number: I38335
Tivoli Gardens SE18
3 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
Min 2 child any age
£88.66 pw Band C



Ref Number: I38615
Sewell Road SE2
Bedsit Grnd Floor Flat
Gdn Entry phone
Gas Fire & Rad C/H
£67.18 pw Band C



Ref Number: I18312
Valiant House
Valley Grove SE7
2 Bed 14th Floor Flat
Lifted Entry ph. Rad C/H
Max 1 child any age.
£120.22pw Band C



Ref Number: I36672
Susan Road SE3
Bedsit Bung
Rad C/H
£79.56 pw Band C
Pref to over 50.

Important Notice

Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**

Only applicants over 50+ can apply



Ref Number: I38792
Troy Court
Helen Street SE18
Bedsit 1st Floor Flat
Unlifted Entry phone
Comm. Gas Htg
£75.91 pw Band C

Mutual Exchange Swapping your home

Council and Housing Association Tenants can exchange their property with another tenant. From April 2006 applicants who have registered for a mutual exchange will be able to find suitable swaps through the Greenwich Homes website **www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes**. For more information about this scheme contact the Allocations Team on **020 8921 2941**

Bands A&B Priority Applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority applicants have been bidding for advertised properties in recent weeks.

Please note that if you do not bid on a regular basis you risk losing your priority status.

Please contact the office if you need help in bidding.

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Sheltered / Retirement Housing

Sheltered Housing provides independence in a secure and friendly environment. Each Sheltered Scheme has a Scheme Manager who is the main source of support. There is 24 hour cover from the Telecare Service. The age criteria is over 60 years, but we can consider people over 55 years with a support need. If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring **0208 921 2941**.

All applications are subject to a Sheltered Housing Assessment.



Our current vacancies include;
(several of which are ready for immediate letting)

One Person Properties

Eltham Road, Lee SE12, Ground floor, Studio flat.

Garnett Close, Eltham SE9, Ground Floor, Studio flat.

Langton way, Blackheath, SE3, 1ST Floor, Studio Flat

Two Person Properties

No Vacancies

All the above properties are lifted.

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 250

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Egremont House Russet Way SE13 7NE	2	FLAT	210	125/03/1999	C
Davern Close SE10 0HP	1	FLAT	74	01/04/2002	B
Greenbay Road SE7 8PT	1	FLAT	73	18/11/2002	A
Thornham Street SE10 9SD	3	FLAT	30	01/06/2010	B
Frank Burton Close SE7 7UE	3	HOUSE	77	21/02/2000	A
Dyson House Blackwall Lane SE10 0RD	2	FLAT	25	13/07/2011	B
Gibson Court Dowding Drive SE9 6AX	2	FLAT	41	04/07/2011	B
Gibson Court Dowding Drive SE9 6AX	2	FLAT	27	01/07/2011	B
Dyson House Blackwall Lane SE10 0RE	3	FLAT		No eligible bids	
Maynard House Perrott Street SE18 7DH	3	MAISONETTE	31	12/11/2009	B
Wren Path SE28 0DU	1	FLAT		Withdrawn	
Queenscroft Road SE9 5EL	2	FLAT	37	04/06/2010	B
Panfield Road SE2 9DF	2	HOUSE		No eligible bids	
Ravens Way SE12 8EZ	1	FLAT	56	09/01/2009	B
Norman Road SE10 9QZ	2	MAISONETTE	40	25/08/2008	A
Combwell Crescent SE2 9NB	1	FLAT	24	18/11/2010	B
Brent Road SE18 3DT	1	FLAT	29	02/11/2009	B
Gilbourne Road SE18 2NT	2	FLAT	22	15/08/2011	B
Greenbay Road SE7 8PU	1	FLAT	62	26/02/2001	A
Ruthin Road SE3 7SH	1	FLAT	70	04/04/1994	A
Goldcrest Close Thamesmead SE28 8JA	1	FLAT	214	15/09/1988	C
5 Poplar Place SE28 8BA	1	FLAT	199	24/08/2009	C
Fairlawn Court Cherry Orchard Estate SE7 7DS	2	FLAT	305	21/07/2008	C
Felixstowe Road SE2 9RG	2	FLAT	46	20/02/2011	B

For information or assistance

Contact our Allocations Team

on: 020 8921 2941

Textphone (minicom): 020 8921 2996

Email: housing-allocations@greenwich.gov.uk

Fax: 020 8854 7212

GreenwichHomes adverts

Greenwich Time is now being published 50 weeks a year and is delivered to all residents. Greenwich**Home** adverts are included in every issue.

MEPS & GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY MEMBERS

GREENWICH AND WOOLWICH

Nick Raynsford (Lab)
Email raynsfordn@parliament.uk
or write to Nick Raynsford MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
Call the office in advance on 020 7219 5895 to register for a surgery (lines are open Monday-Thursday 10am-12pm & 2-4pm).
2nd & 4th Fridays of the month, 7pm at 32 Woolwich Road, Greenwich SE10 0JU.
2nd Saturday of the month, 11am at Charlton House, Charlton Road, Charlton SE7 8RE.
2nd Saturday of the month, 2pm at West Greenwich House, 141 Greenwich High Road, Greenwich SE10 8JA.
4th Saturday of the month: 11am at the Barnfield Project, Oak House, Barnfield Road SE18 3UH.
4th Saturday of the month, 2pm at Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6PW.

ELTHAM

Clive Efford (Lab) Call for an appointment at the following monthly surgeries on 020-8850 5744 between 11am and 3pm Mon-Fri.
1st Tues: Anstridge Community Centre, Anstridge Rd. SE9, 11am-12.30pm
1st Fri: Horn Park Community Centre, 96 Sibthorpe Road, 11am-12.30pm
2nd Fri: Slade Hall, Pendrell Street, 6pm
2nd Sat: St Mary's Community Centre, Eltham High Street, 10am and 4th Friday out of the month at 6pm.
3rd Tues: Middle Park Community Centre, 150 Middle Park Avenue, 11am-12.30pm
3rd Fri: Coldharbour Neighbourhood office, library entrance, William Barefoot Drive, 11am.
4th Sat: Shrewsbury House, 10am, Bushmoor Crescent

ERITH & THAMESMEAD

Teresa Pearce (Lab)
All surgeries are booked by appointment by calling 020 7219 7068 or write to Teresa Pearce MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, or email teresa.pearce.mp@parliament.uk
Four advice surgeries each month: the 1st Saturday of the month in Thamesmead, the 2nd Saturday of the month in Erith, the 3rd Friday of the month in Northumberland Heath and the 4th Friday of the month in Abbey Wood.

GLA MEMBER

Len Duvall (Lab) is the GLA member for Greenwich and Lewisham. Please write to Len Duvall, GLA, City Hall, Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA; phone 020-7983 4408/4517; or email len.duvall@london.gov.uk

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Contact your MEP at the UK Office of the European Parliament on 020-7227 4300.

Contact Members' Services on 020 8921 5151 for information on the surgery timings for your own councillor.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).

Sept 14 - Licensing Committee, 10am.
Woolwich&Thamesmead Area Planning Committee, 6.30pm.

Sept 15 - Planning Board, 6.30pm.

More information on 020-8921 5130 or www.greenwich.gov.uk/meetings

MOVE to improve life for disabled children

PARENTS of physically disabled children are invited to learn about a special teaching programme that will now be available at mainstream schools.

The MOVE programme, which is already in use at the borough's two special schools, is being rolled out to nine

mainstream schools, with further schools to be included after the half-term break.

Parents are invited to an event to learn more about the scheme and how it is being rolled out at an event this Friday, September 16, from 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Children's Therapy Unit at Goldie Leigh Hospital, Lodge Hill, Abbey Wood.

It follows the success of the MOVE programme in the borough's two special schools, Willow Dene in Plumstead and Charlton School.

MOVE is an internationally recognised programme used by hundreds of schools, adult training centres, hospitals and child development centres across the UK and Europe.

MOVE stands for Movement Opportunities Via Education, and focuses on teaching children functional skills which are relevant to their lives. It involves teaching the everyday skills needed in school and at home, such as sitting, standing and walking.

It allows children to make more choices, be more mobile and involved in the community, developing their independence and dignity.

At Friday's event parents can meet members of the MOVE project team, health professionals, teachers, therapists, and representatives from the Oxleas Foundation Trust and Greenwich Council.

● For more information contact John Connelly at john.connelly1@nhs.net or call 020 8311 5419.

LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 16A
RUN TO THE BEAT 2011 - HALF-MARATHON
TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS - SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council, with the consent of Transport for London, has made an Order to temporarily close certain roads and impose restrictions on the movements of vehicles to facilitate the staging of the "Run to the Beat 2011" Half-Marathon. The effect of the Order will be:

- between 12:01am and 4:00pm on Sunday 25th September 2011, to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in Plot Bursary; and
- between 6:30am and 4:00pm on Sunday 25th September 2011, to temporarily:
 - prohibit vehicles from entering, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in the streets or lengths of streets specified in Schedule 1 to this Notice;
 - prohibit vehicles from entering, leaving or proceeding in the streets specified in Schedule 2 to this Notice at the respective junctions stated in that schedule;
 - congest the left turn by vehicles from (i) Anchor and Hope Lane into Bugby's Way; (ii) Charlton Road into Eastcombe Avenue; (iii) Francis Street into Woolwich Church Street; (iv) Guller Close into Woolwich Road; (v) John Wilson Street into Grand Depot Road; (vi) Kingman Street into Woolwich Church Street; (vii) Nightingale Place into Woolwich Common; (viii) Plantation Road into Woolwich New Road; (ix) Woolwich New Road into Grand Depot Road; (x) Woolwich Road into Anchor and Hope Lane; and (xi) Woolwich Road (exiting the A102/A206 junction) into Combevale Road;
 - congest the right turn by vehicles from (i) Eastcombe Avenue into Charlton Road; (ii) King William Walk (northern arm) into Nelson Road; and (iii) Woolwich Common into Nightingale Place;
 - suspend the one-way working in Charlton Way between Shooters Hill and Duke Humphrey Road;
 - suspend the good road closures in Old Woolwich Road (east of its junction with Heskins Street), Alif Street, and Plantation Road; and
 - suspend the width restrictions in Charlton Park Lane and Tunnel Avenue.

2. The above restrictions will only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
The Woolwich Centre,
35 Wellington Street,
SE18 6HQ
Dated 13th September 2011
(INTERNAL REF: 10325808)

Greenwich Council

SCHEDULE 1
A102 Blackwall Tunnel Southern Approach (the southbound exit slip road at its junction with Woolwich Road), A102/A206 roundabout (the south-west side of the roundabout, between the southern kerb-line of Woolwich Road and the northern kerb-line of Woolwich Road), A102/A206 roundabout (the north-east side of the roundabout, between the southbound exit slip road and the northbound exit slip road), Anchor and Hope Lane, Angley Road, Arsenal Way, Artillery Place, Banchory Road, Bell Water Gate, Beresford Street, Bugby's Way, Cadogan Road, Carriage Street, Charlton Park Road, Charlton Road (between Grainger Road and Homfray Road), Charlton Way, Grainger Road, Duke of Wellington Avenue, Grand Depot Road, Ho-Ha Road, Hillsreach, John Harrison Way, John Wilson Street, Little Heath, Marlborough Road, Old Driver Road, Park Row, Reposeway Road, Riverside Walk, Romney Road, Southern Way, The Village, Trafalgar Road, Vanbrugh Park, Warren Lane, West Parkside, Woolwich Church Street, Woolwich High Street, Woolwich New Road and Woolwich Road.

SCHEDULE 2
Academy Road at its junction with Shooters Hill Road; the Access road to Marks & Spencer car park at its junction with Old Dover Road; the Access road to Stone Lake Retail Park and Annandale Road at their respective junctions with Woolwich Road; Banchory Road at its junction with Woolwich Church Street; Armitage Road at its junction with Woolwich Road; Arsenal Way at its junction with Cadogan Road; Artillery Place at its junctions with Bedford Grove, Rectory Place and Banchory Road; Bedford Grove at its junction with Artillery Place; Bell Water Gate at its junction with Woolwich High Street; Beresford Street at its junction with Woolwich New Road; Blackwall Lane at its junctions with Cammerell Street, Trafalgar Road and Tunnel Avenue; Barista Road at its junction with Woolwich Church Street; Banchory Lane at its junction with Charlton Road; Broadbridge Close at its junction with Vanbrugh Park Brookside Road at its junction with Bugby's Way; Bugby's Way at its junctions with Plantation Way and Southern Way; Calvert Road at its junction with Woolwich Road; Canby Lane at its junctions with Little Heath and Park Drive; Charlton Church Lane at its junction with The Village; Charlton Lane at its junction with Charlton Park Road; Charlton Park Lane at its junctions with Cemetery Lane and Ho-Ha Road; Charlton Road at its junction with Old Dover Road; Charlton Way at its junction with Shooters Hill Road; Cherry Orchard at its junction with Charlton Road; Cherrington Road and Chisler Street at their respective junctions with Woolwich Road; Christchurch Way at its junction with Trafalgar Road; Circular Way at its junction with Ho-Ha Road; (Columb Street) at its junction with Trafalgar Road; Combevale Road at its junction with Westcombe Hill and Woolwich Road; Commercial Way at its junctions with Plantation Way and Southern Way; Commercial Place at its junction with Woolwich Road; Courtyard Road at its junction with Charlton Road; Grainger Road (north-east to south-west arm) at its junction with Grainger Road (north to south arm); Denham Street at its junction with Woolwich Road; Denberg Road at its junction with Banchory Road; Denberg Close at its junction with Old Dover Road; Duke Humphrey Road at its junction with Charlton Way; Eastwood Street at its junction with Trafalgar Road; Eastwood Street at its junction with Woolwich Road; Eastway Street at its junctions with Old Woolwich Road and Trafalgar Road; Edmund Bailey Way at its junction with West Parkside / Plot Bursary; Erwood Road at its junction with Hillsreach; Fairfield Grove at its junction with Charlton Park Road; Feathers Place at its junction with Park Vista; Ferry Approach at its junction with Woolwich High Street; Fingal Street at its junction with Woolwich Road; Flaxmead Road at its junction with Little Heath; Francis Street at its junction with Reposeway Road; Farnfield Road at its junction with Charlton Road; Glass Yard at its junction with Woolwich High Street; Glenferth Street at its junction with Woolwich Road; Grand Depot Road at its junction with Woolwich New Road; Green Hill at its junction with Reposeway Road; Greenwich Park Street at its junction with Trafalgar Road; Guild Road at its junction with Charlton Park Road; Haldbrook Road at its junction with Woolwich Road; Hare Street at its junction with Woolwich High Street; Hassenden Road at its junction with Charlton Road; Hastings Street at its junction with Cadogan Road; Hatfield Street at its junction with Woolwich Road; Heathwood Gardens at its junction with Little Heath; Hopetide Road at its junction with Charlton Road; Hepton Road at its junction with Marlborough Road; Homfray Road at its junction with The Village; Heskins Street at its junction with Trafalgar Road; John Harrison Way at its junction with West Parkside; Kensal Road at its junction with Woolwich Road; King William Lane at its junction with Trafalgar Road; King William Walk at its junction with Romney Road; Kingside Business Park; access road at its junction with Woolwich Church Street; Kingsway Gardens at its junction with Little Heath; Langdon Way at its junction with Old Dover Road; Lazzell Street at its junction with Trafalgar Road; Lombard Wall at its junction with Bugby's Way; Maclede Street at its junction with Beresford Street; Marlborough Lane at its junction with Charlton Road; Marston Street at its junction with Woolwich Road; Nazecks Road at its junction with Charlton Road; Mast Quay access road at its junction with Woolwich Church Street; Mayhill Road at its junction with Charlton Road; Maze Hill at its junctions with Charlton Way, Trafalgar Road, Vanbrugh Park and Woodlands Crescent; Mill Street at its junction with Trafalgar Road; Mycorse Road at its junction with Vanbrugh Park; Old Driver Road at its junctions with Shooters Hill Road and Southfields Place; Old Woolwich Road at its junctions with Eastway Street and Park Row; Park Drive at its junction with Little Heath; Park Row at its junctions with Feathers Place and Trafalgar Road; Park Vista at its junction with Park Row; Pelipar Road at its junction with Hillsreach; Penhal Road at its junction with Woolwich Road; Prince Charles Road at its junctions with Charlton Way and Shooters Hill Road; Rectory Place at its junction with Artillery Place; Ridge Place at its junction with Duke of Wellington Avenue; River Way at its junction with Plot Bursary; Redmere Street at its junction with Trafalgar Road; Repe Road Road at its junction with Warren Lane; Redgrave Street at its junction with Artillery Place; Redon Road at its junction with Woolwich Road; Stennison Road at its junction with Charlton Road; Southern Way at its junctions with Bugby's Way; Greenleaf Way; Westley Row and West Parkside; St Mary Street at its junctions with John Wilson Street and Rectory Place; Stadium Road at its junctions with Ho-Ha Road and the vehicular access road to Queen Elizabeth Hospital A&E Department; Stratheden Road at its junctions with St John's Park and Vanbrugh Park; Tannage Close at its junction with Charlton Park Road; Trafalgar Green at its junction with Trafalgar Road; Tunnel Avenue at its junction with Woolwich Road; Tyler Street at its junction with Trafalgar Road; the unnamed road adjacent to Old Dover Road car park at its junction with Old Dover Road; Vanbrugh Hill at its junction with Trafalgar Road; Vanbrugh Park (north to south arm) at its junction with Vanbrugh Park (east to west arm); Victoria Way at its junction with Charlton Road; Wampole Road and Westmore Street at their respective junctions with Woolwich Road; Westworth Street at its junction with Trafalgar Road; Woodhill at its junction with Hillsreach; Woodland Crescent at its junction with Trafalgar Road; Woodnew at its junction with Hillsreach; Woolwich Common at its junction with Academy Road; Woolwich Road (southbound) at its junction with Anchor and Hope Lane; and Wyndell Road at its junction with Charlton Road.

LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)
BATHWAY, LOVE LANE SERVICE ROAD, MARKET STREET, POLYTECHNIC STREET AND WELLINGTON STREET - TEMPORARY JUNCTION CLOSURES, AND SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY WORKINGS AND PARKING

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council has made an Order to facilitate carriageway and footway works in Market Street, Polytechnic Street and Wellington Street. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily:

- prohibit vehicles from entering or exiting:
 - the service road that links Wellington Street to Love Lane, at its junction with Wellington Street;
 - Market Street at its junction with Wellington Street; and
 - Polytechnic Street at its junction with Wellington Street;
- suspend the north-eastbound one-way working in Bathway;
- suspend the north-eastbound one-way working in the south-west to north-east arm of Love Lane;
- suspend the north-westbound one-way working in Market Street between Wellington Street and Bathway; and
- suspend the south-eastbound one-way working in Polytechnic Street between Bathway and Wellington Street.

2. The above restrictions will not be applied concurrently and will only be applied as and when necessary to allow the execution of the works at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Parking places will be suspended in Bathway and Polytechnic Street (between Bathway and Wellington Street) as and when indicated by the appropriate signs.

3. Whilst the road closure at the junction of Wellington Street with the service road that links Wellington Street to Love Lane is in operation the alternative route for affected traffic will be via Thomas Street.

4. Whilst the road closure at the junction of Market Street and Wellington Street is in operation the alternative route for vehicles travelling:

- southbound on Wellington Street will be via Wellington Street, Thomas Street, Calderwood Street, Polytechnic Street and Bathway;
- westbound on Wellington Street will be via Wellington Street, John Wilson Street, northbound to the roundabout with the A206 returning southbound on John Wilson Street onto Castle Road, Mark Street, Polytechnic Street and Bathway.

5. Whilst the road closure at the junction of Polytechnic Street and Wellington Street is in operation the alternative route for affected traffic will be via Bathway, Market Street, Calderwood Street and Thomas Street.

6. The Order will come into force on 13th September 2011 and will continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works will take approximately four months to complete.

7. Queries concerning the works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5938.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
Greenwich Council
48 Woolwich New Road,
SE18 6HQ
Dated 13th September 2011
(INTERNAL REF: 10180808)

Greenwich Council

SCENE

Festival

It's the
Big Top of
giggles

- P20



Theatre

It used to
be such a
lovely war

- P20



It was always meant to be...

To be or not to be was never a question for one of Greenwich's longest-running theatrical partnerships, whose latest offering is a new, more accessible **Hamlet**



IT'S a partnership that has been going strong for 20 years, and this week the couple at the helm of the Galleon Theatre Company put their combined experience into a new production of **Hamlet**. To be or not to be was never a question that troubled Bruce Jamieson and Alice De Sousa. It was always meant to be, after the pair met on the set of Bruce's first London job. He'd moved to capital from Aberdeen to pursue his passion for acting. Alice, the young producer had come from Portugal. They married in 1991 and over the following two decades established themselves as Greenwich's hardest working thespians, producing more than 60 plays out of the Greenwich Playhouse on Greenwich Station Forecourt. Galleon's stock-in-trade is classic plays made not just for the seasoned theatre-goer, but the more casual viewer as well. **Hamlet** sums up the ethos perfectly. This time Bruce plays the villain of the piece, Claudius, and his partner Alice produces. The actor told *Scene*: "Our **Hamlet** is a fun cut of the play – we've cut it to



BARD TO THE BONE: Robin Holden as Hamlet, which is on at the Greenwich Playhouse. Below left, Galleon's Bruce and Alice



just over two hours. Everything that is famous about the play – the brilliant dialogue and all the big scenes we have kept in tact, of course. "Cutting it makes the piece more focused and easier to follow, because it keeps the play contained within the royal household and within the main characters – Hamlet, Claudius, Polonius, Ophelia – and doesn't involve the political element of the play." A cast of 11 players from the Galleon company take on the 17 characters for the play's month-long run, with some of the actors taking on more than one role. The most successful interpretations of Shakespeare come when the plays are translated into periods in vogue with the contemporary audience. Bruce added: "We've set it in the 1870s – which would've been the Victorian period in England. The Gothic look is very in at the moment. "Just recently there has been the Sherlock Holmes films and the League

of Extraordinary Gentlemen, so it makes it a little more contemporary and it also helps with the design. The conventions of the Victorian era were very strong which helps the restraint within young lovers presented by Hamlet and Ophelia." Indeed, says Bruce, so versatile are Shakespeare plays that they could be translated into any era. "Almost all of his plays, you can put them in any time you wish – you could almost make the **Hamlet** set look like something out of *Star Wars* and it would work because the plays are so good. "They are completely universal and so modern – you can look at them and find so many modern parallels happening today."

Rod Kitson

Hamlet is on now at the Greenwich Playhouse until October 9, Tues-Sat at 7.30pm, Sun at 4pm. Tickets £13/£10
Box Office: 020 8858 9256 or
boxoffice@galleontheatre.co.uk

In raptors

Now watch the birdies



KEEP an eagle eye out for this one. Eltham charity Widehorizons has a bird of prey day on Sunday, October 2.

Birds on display include a gigantic bald eagle, a hawk, an owl and a falcon which will all be performing in flying displays. It's on at Eltham's Environmental Curriculum Service, and in between the two 25-minute flying displays at 11.30am and 1.30pm, visitors have the chance to get up close and personal with the birds on their perches.

The feathered beasts' keepers will be on hand to make sure no one gets in a flap – and to help visitors get a better idea of how these magnificent raptors live. And keep an eye out for Alan Partridge, it's where he likes to go on first dates... All proceeds go to Widehorizons, a charity that delivers outdoor experiences for London children.



EYE, EYE: American bald eagle is biggest of the bunch

Bird of Prey Experience is on at the Environmental Curriculum Service 77 Bexley Road, Eltham. Entrance fee is £5 for adults and £4 for children. No need to book, just turn up on the day.

Spoo! night at theatre



PARODY-LOVING performers LipService make a return to Greenwich Theatre to reprise their cult Brontë spoof

Withering Looks. WL takes an 'authentic' look at the lives and works of the Brontë sisters and is on at the Crooms Hill theatre from Thursday September 15 until Saturday 17th.

Show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £10-£15
Box office: 020 8858 7755 or www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk

Do the walk of life

THERE are guided walks taking place as part of **Autumn Ambles** on the weekend of September 24 and 25 in Greenwich. There are 50 free walks funded by Transport for London taking place across the capital. All walks are away from traffic and connect some of London's best attractions, parks, woodland, rivers and canals with 10 routes starting off in or going through Greenwich.

Details at www.walklondon.org.uk or call 0870 240 6094

Calling all writers! If you would like to submit a review to Scene email rodkitson@gmail.com

FINAL SCENE

Edited by Rod Kitson - 020 8921 5916
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Not as lovely as it once was

The acting was terrific, but *Oh! What a Lovely War*'s storyline has not aged well, writes **Peter Cordwell**

IT'S unfair on a wonderfully talented bunch of actors to single out one of them in one scene - but sometimes a magic moment demands the centre stage of a review.

In *Oh! What A Lovely War* at Greenwich Theatre, it happened in the British drill scene in the Cursed World War. Actor Robert Harding was the regimental sergeant major to end all RSMs as he put three hapless recruits through their paces. The best example I'd seen in recent years was Michael Palin's in full Python mode, but I think young Mr Harding's demented version topped even that. I noted that the actor has already starred in an advertising campaign - surely there's another one for this amazing army creation. The five-person Blackeyed Theatre team put on a terrifically energetic show after chatting to audience members before the start, a nice touch, but Joan Littlewood's 'musical entertainment' - edgy stuff when

it came out in the early Sixties - hasn't worn well, like most agitprop from the period. The horrors of the First World War - let's at least stop calling it the Great War - need a brave new approach, a fresh angle, for them to be as jolting to modern audiences as they were in 1963. Satire has to bite afresh to keep on working - which is why, for example, *The Thick of It* has pulverised its predecessor *Yes Minister* into insignificance. Maybe the savage point to make about World War One was how the masters of war took the mickey out of millions as well as sending them to be killed. Make that part of your starting point and keep a hot gas under it. All that said, the Blackeyed Theatre were as well drilled and committed as the soldiers they portrayed. Paul Morse led proceedings with an easy, almost cheeky, confidence while Ben Harrison, Joseph Mann and Tom Neill were great individually or when turning it on in twos and threes. All five had great voices and the various harmonies were a joy.

The fact that each of them also seemed to be able to play almost anything - keyboards, flute, drums, trumpet, etc - added to the great rapport they obviously share and enjoy. The shame is that the satire was too light, too panto almost, for a subject that should be rescued from the Sixties and re-energised for its centenary - and fresh tears of sadness and anger - in three years' time.

OVER THE TOP: as drill sergeant Robert Harding put hapless recruits through their paces in a standout performance



Big Top of giggles at GCF

Young upstarts win the day at gag-fest

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WITH the blustery, grizzly evenings drawing in, the Greenwich Comedy Festival's Big Top was the perfect place to retreat from the weather and watch the country's best comics slogging it out.

The week-long event ran from September 5-11 with the Tuesday evening headlined by Omid Djalili. Host Jarred Christmas got the night got off to a great start. Much of his time was spent bantering directly with the audience, showing off his talent for quick, off-the-cuff humour.

First introduced was Andrew Lawrence. With his self-confessed whiny, irritating voice, manic stare and madcap humour there were belly laughs galore. His zany but endearing persona kept us constantly engaged. The second act however, Boothby Graffoe, started off well but quickly proved there was little substance to his material. Gently witty in parts, the set was too random

and needed to be stronger after Lawrence's star turn before him. Omid Djalili came on to huge applause from a large and loyal fan base. After a three-year absence from stand-up, there was much whispering as to which material he would deliver following his commercial success in film, TV and advertising.

He even joked that the organisers didn't approach his agent, but had booked him directly through Compare the Market.com. Omid still has an ardent following, so hopefully he'll come back with some newer, more original material, as by his own admission a few times he thought he'd, "get a bigger laugh for that one". He kept his material close to that which made him famous with plenty of comedic references to his Iranian heritage and other ethnic cultures, but after three years away some were left disappointed. Wednesday evening in the Big Top saw Dan

Atkinson hosting. He kept his sections and introductions short, snappy, and made a good impression. First up was Seann Walsh who was to receive the biggest laughs of the night. With great recognition and several rounds of applause for his observational comedy, his set had the most memorable and varied humour of any of the funnymen on the night. Comedic references to the DLR being too slow, impressions of commuters being able to sleep deeply on rocky train journeys but yet being awakened when the train stopped were delivered brilliantly. Next up comedic Canadian Tom Stade also delivered the goods. His confusion at the British made up much of his humour. He exclaimed that no-one goes in to Primark to buy anything but just to throw stuff around, which went down particularly well. His matter-of-fact delivery and intervals of direct banter with front-row audience members got the crowd right on side. Finally, it was the

turn of Cockney comedian Micky Flanagan, who almost lifted the canvas roof when he walked out to huge applause. At times it was tricky to understand his thick accent, but his infamous Cockney walk was given a demonstration much to the audience's delight. His tried-and-tested material was complemented with newer jokes, and though his loyal fans were not disappointed, those new to him may have found this material not so strong. But once again the opening act outshone the headliner: Seann Walsh had won the most plaudits. On both nights it was a case of the newer and lesser-known comics fighting harder, perhaps because they had more to prove.

Carin Suggate

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Development: Erection of a single storey rear extension.

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Applicant: **Mr & Mrs Bernard** 11/1953/F

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Development: Construction of a rear wall conservatory.

Drawing Numbers: Allocated No.1, 2 and Design & Access Statement.

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Applicant: **LXB RP (Greenwich) Ltd** 11/1961/F

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Drawing Numbers: 9009/04 Rev C (site plan), 9009/04 Rev F, 011 Rev A, 03 Rev C, 04 Rev A, 21 Rev B, 22 Rev B, 23, Design & Access Statement, Energy Statement, Flood Risk Assessment, Phase 2 Geotechnical & Environmental Site Investigation Report, Planning & Retail Statement, Sustainability Statement, Transport Statement and Cover letter dated 15/8/11.

Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE18 0RL

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Applicant: **Miss M Gilles** 11/1973/F

28 MAUDSLAY ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1LJ

Development: Formation of a drop-off and handstanding area.

Drawing Numbers: 11000 001 Rev P1, 11000 002 Rev P1 and Dec 001.

Library: Eltham Library, 2 Ardrey Road SE9 1BA

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Applicant: **Den Farnsworth Grimshaw Architects LLP** 11/2082/SD

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condition 3 of planning permission ref: 11/0540/F; conditions 1 and 14a of listed building consent ref: 05/2613/L;

and condition 3 of listed building consent ref: 11/0541/L.

Drawing Numbers: GA-L104 Rev 03, 233 Rev 03, EN-A-285 Rev 02, 206 Rev 02, 230 Rev 02, 231 Rev 02, 275 Rev 02, 276 Rev 02, EN-C-280, 231, 240, 261, 263, 275, 0321-P570-0003, 1003 Rev D, 1007 Rev D, all drawings within Design Doc, Inside Contract Documentation Rev 3 and Cover letter dated 4/7/11.

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condition 14d of listed building consent ref: 05/2613/L; and condition 1 of listed building consent ref: 11/0541/L.

Drawing Numbers: EN C 604 Rev 01, 605, 606, 660 Rev 01, 661 Rev 01, 662 Rev 02, 053, NF A, 605 Rev 01, 153, 35 A, 640 Rev 01, all drawings within Doc 1 (New Decade Access Tower & Footway) and Cover letter dated 15/6/11.

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Track to the future

by Dick Townsend-Smith

BMX riders beaming at opening of new bike circuit

THE thrills and skills of top-notch BMX riding astonished the VIP guests when a new track was officially opened at Hornfair Park in Charlton last Friday.

They were given an impressive demonstration from a team of BMX experts, while children from nearby Charlton Manor and Cherry Orchard primary schools also took to the arena to show off their newly-learned BMX skills. They had recently been given coaching by professionals from the British Cycling organisation.

The track was developed following a successful bid to the Mayor of London's Playsport capital fund. BMX is now an Olympic sport and will be an integral part of the London 2012 Games. A world class BMX track is being created in the Olympic Park in Stratford.

The Charlton track is linked with the six other BMX tracks in the 2012 Olympic host boroughs and to the facilities in the Olympic Park. There are also plans to use it for the new Greenwich BMX club to host local BMX racing competitions as well as events with neighbouring clubs in other London boroughs. The new track forms an important part of Hornfair Park's multi-sports hub, which will feature new sports pitches, changing facilities and the redeveloped Charlton Lido.

Friday's opening ceremony was performed by the Mayor of Greenwich, Cllr Jim Gillman, who said: "This track has given us something to be proud of. For many years Hornfair Park has been under-used, but when all the new facilities are completed it will be one of our gems. Let's hope the future will see this park flourishing."

The mayor thanked the Mayor of London for financing the scheme, as did Cllr John Fahy, the council's cabinet member for culture and the Olympics, who said: "His fund has made an enormous contribution to sports facilities in our borough. This track will be a long-term Olympic legacy, and I very much hope the children will have a great time on it both now and



in the future." Children from the two primary schools nearby – 15 from each and wearing red Greenwich BMX club T-shirts – were excited by the chance to check out the new BMX track.

Alieu Bao, 10, from Charlton Manor, said: "It's pretty good, and good for exercise as well. I've been riding a bike since I was five, and I want to do it for years to come."

Schoolmate Colby Pearson-Watson, 11, added: "This track is really good for beginners, and it will make more people come to Hornfair Park."

Meanwhile, children from Cherry Orchard Primary were just as thrilled to have a go. Ildna Jaskevic, 10, said: "I've not ridden a BMX before, and it's

really fun, and even easier to ride than a normal bike. The track is really good, and I want to become a member of the new club." Schoolmate Semira Demai, also 10, added: "I hadn't ridden a BMX before either, and it's really good. The track looks scary, but I really want to go on it."

Greenwich Council is committed to using the London 2012 Games to inspire people to be more active and try new sports.

It says it will ensure that the Charlton track will be used to encourage local people of all ages to take up the sport, either as riders or volunteers. This will be done by working in partnership with the Access Sport and British Cycling organisations.

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